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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Wilburn "Mac" Sanders, who passed away on April 9, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Wilburn Sanders was born on July 7, 1932 in Chicago; his parents were Henry Sanders and Emma Emily Hunt Sanders; and

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WHEREAS, Wilburn Sanders grew up in the Morgan Park community and attended John D. Shoop Elementary School and Morgan Park High School, where he excelled in sports, including baseball and basketball; during his childhood, he attended Beth Eden Baptist Church with his siblings; and

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WHEREAS, After high school, Wilburn Sanders worked for a brief time at the Ford Motor Company assembly plant; in 1952, he was drafted into the United States Army, serving during the height of the Korean War; after his discharge from the Army, he continued working at the Ford plant until 1956, when he joined the Chicago Police Department; he served at the Department with distinction until his retirement in 1986; he then worked in security for the McCormick Place Convention Center until his final retirement in 1996; and

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1           WHEREAS, Wilburn Sanders was preceded in death by his  
2 parents; his siblings, Shirley Richardson and Oswald Sanders;  
3 and his first wife, Catherine Macklin; and

4           WHEREAS, Wilburn Sanders is survived by his devoted wife,  
5 Paula; 2 children, Kevin (Audrey) Sanders and Kitty (Robert)  
6 Collins; 4 grandchildren, Kevin and Yvonne Sanders and Paige  
7 and Bobby Collins; his siblings, George Sanders, Ronald (Burma)  
8 Sanders, Wilma Scott, and Elizabeth (Earl) Bowen; 4  
9 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and  
10 friends; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Wilburn "Mac" Sanders;  
14 and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Wilburn Sanders as an expression of  
17 our sympathy.